

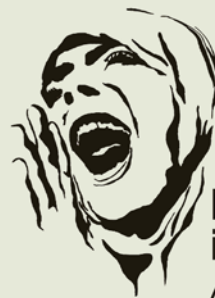
The (Un)making of the Public Sphere: Politics, Publics and Violence in the City (the example of Kinshasa)

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Date: Wednesday May 14

Time: 15.15-17.00

Venue: Lecture room, NAI's premises at
Villavägen 6, Uppsala



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Filip de Boeck's lecture on Kinshasa provides insight in local social and cultural imaginaries, and thus in the imaginative ways in which local urban subjects continue to make sense of their worlds and invent cultural strategies to cope with the breakdown of urban infrastructure.

As the coordinator of the Institute for Anthropological Research in Africa (IARA), a Research Unit of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Leuven, Belgium, **Filip De Boeck** is actively involved in teaching, promoting, coordinating and supervising research in and on Africa. Since 1987 he has conducted extensive field research in both rural and urban communities in D.R. Congo. His current theoretical interests include local subjectivities of crisis, postcolonial memory, youth and the politics of culture, and the transformation of private and public space in the urban context in Africa.

Filip De Boeck has published extensively on his research. Together with Alcinda Honwana he edited *Makers and Breakers: Children and Youth in Postcolonial Africa* (2005). Other book publications include *Kinshasa: Tales of the Invisible City*, a joint book project with photographer Marie-Françoise Plissart (2004). Together with architect and critic Koen Van Synghel, De Boeck also curated an exhibition about Kinshasa for the ninth International Architecture Biennial in Venice (2004). This exhibition was awarded a Golden Lion for best installation. In 2010, De Boeck released *Cemetery State*, a documentary film which examines urban youth's politics of death in a Kinshasa graveyard.

In the spring of 2014, the Nordic Africa Institute places particular emphasis on ongoing political, social and moral upheavals in African cities. Read more about the lecture series "Moral Communities in transforming African cities" at www.nai.uu.se/events/lecture-series-moral-comm/

Date for forthcoming seminar in the lecture series:

June 4, Elaine Salo.

Public lecture at The Nordic Africa Institute (NAI)